

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/26/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Mike Stevens 781-4303 Wayne Hansen 781-4282	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's file) with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory for FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide professional services for processing and reporting of urine drug test samples from individuals participating in drug and alcohol programs in the Behavioral Health Department			
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(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) DSS and SAMHSA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$85,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$85,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001229		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 2/26/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The County's Behavioral Health Department uses drug testing as an objective measure of treatment efficacy and a tool to monitor patient progress. Testing is performed to detect substance abuse and monitor treatment compliance. Behavioral Health currently collects approximately 600 urine samples per month which are sent out for toxicology analysis.

A competitive solicitation was conducted in October, 2009. There were three vendors who responded: Redwood Toxicology, BT Pharmtech and MedTox Scientific, Inc. Redwood Toxicology was selected at that time because it had the lowest price for multi-drug panels, is highly respected in the field with a 15 year history of toxicology/drug testing services, employs state of the art scientific instrumentation, it is compliant with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988, and provided the fastest turn-around time using sophisticated electronic data submission back to SLO County. For the FY 2015-16 a new RFP will be administered for a drug testing service provider.

Redwood is federally licensed through the Department of Health and Human Services and has provided drug testing lab services to the County since 1997. The tests require specific protocols for processing and reporting the results and Redwood Toxicology Laboratory meets the Federal requirements for security of information transferred electronically.

A variety of drug tests which Redwood provides the Department include Alcohol, Opiates, Cocaine, Marijuana, Amphetamines (Meth), and Benzodiazepines. The contract mandates that all specimen collection, transport, testing and reporting is consistent with National Institute of Drug Abuse and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration regulations and standards. Quantitative results are also provided for Creatinine and marijuana residue levels. The contract provides for additional testing of other drugs of abuse, including alcohol metabolites for longer-term alcohol detection, as requested by Behavioral Health.

The Sheriff's Department's on-site lab is not certified to provide the diagnostic examination of urine samples required by the grants supporting the funding for this program. Redwood Toxicology Lab does meet the certification, including the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) of 1988 which would allow them to perform these diagnostic

tests. CLIA certifies a clinical laboratory that tests specimens for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease or impairment as well as for the assessment of health. The drug screening needed by Behavioral Health is diagnostic and health-related in nature so a CLIA license is required. Redwood Toxicology Laboratory is thus able to perform the diagnostic tests required by Behavioral Health.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Currently, funding for drug testing is provided by the County Department of Social Services, client fees, and the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) through a few grants. Approval of the contract will have no additional effect on the level of General Fund support required by the Health Agency for FY 2012-13. The County has been awarded \$85,000 for FY 2012-13, \$130,000 for FY 2013-14, and \$85,000 for FY 2014-15. During FY 2013-14 additional grant funding will be available for that year only which will increase numbers of drug testing needed. The contract specifies a maximum of \$300,000 in expenditures and divides these expenditures consistent with the funding that has been awarded based on each fiscal year.

RESULTS

During FY 2011-12, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory processed 7,307 drug tests for the Department. All tests processed and reported met with the contract terms and performance measurements.

Performance Measures in the contract for FY 2012-13 include the following:

Outcome #1: Redwood Laboratories will process results within 5 days

Outcome #2: All drug testing results will be transmitted and reported to Behavioral Health through electronic means.

Outcome #3: All drug testing results will be accurate.

The renewal contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to provide client drug testing results and reports will continue to help achieve the County's vision of providing a Safe and Healthy Community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Clerk's File - Contract with Redwood Toxicology Lab